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CHEROKEE: FOR THE SECRETARY FROM CHRISTOPHER

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SUBJECT: EVENING READING

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF FRIDAY'S EVENING REPORT:

1. GLENN SUBCOMMITTEE HEARINGS ON NON-PROLIFERATION.
ALTHOUGH SENATOR GLENN WAS SOMEWHAT PETULANT OVER OUR
EFFORTS TO DEFER MY APPEARANCE UNTIL AFTER YOUR NON-
PROLIFERATION STATEMENT, THE SESSION WAS QUITE FRIENDLY
ON THE WHOLE. GLENN RAN DOWN THE BASIC THRUST OF THE
COMMITTEE'S DRAFT BILL AND NOTED THAT HE WAS PLEASED WE
GENERALLY SHARED THE COMMITTEE'S OBJECTIVES. PERCY, WHO
WAS SUPPORTIVE AND HELPFUL, URGED THE ADMINISTRATION TO
WORK FROM THE COMMITTEE'S DRAFT RATHER THAN SUBMIT ITS
OWN NEW LEGISLATION. THE SENATORS ACCEPTED MY ASSURANCE
THAT RELATIVELY SOON AFTER THE RECESS, WE WILL BE IN A
POSITION TO COMMENT ON THE PENDING BILLS AND PRESENT OUR
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OWN PROPOSALS. IN REFERRING TO YOUR ANTICIPATED STATEMENT
NEXT WEEK, I INDICATED THE NEED FOR EXTENSIVE CONSULTA-
TIONS WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS.

-- GLENN ALSO QUERIED US AT SOME LENGTH ON STRENGTHENING
IAEA, INTERNATIONAL FUEL SUPPLY PROPOSALS, EXPANDING NPT

ADHERENCE, THE UTILITY OF NUCLEAR FREE ZONES, AND THE PROSPECTS FOR COOPERATION WITH THE SOVIET UNION IN VIEW OF THE "BREAKDOWN IN SALT NEGOTIATIONS IN MOSCOW." I POINTED OUT THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING GROUP ON NON-PROLIFERATION WAS A POSITIVE SIGN, AND THAT WE WOULD PURSUE THAT AVENUE DILIGENTLY.

2. SHAPIRO VISIT ON ARAB BOYCOTT. IRVING SHAPIRO OF DUPONT AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE CALLED ON ME TO CONVEY THEIR DISTRESS OVER THE PRESENT POSITION OF THE ARAB BOYCOTT LEGISLATION. WHILE THE ROUNDTABLE HAS A NUMBER OF SPECIFIC COMPLAINTS, THE CURRENT CRUCIAL ISSUE RELATES TO THE ABILITY OF US FIRMS OPERATING IN THE ARAB COUNTRIES TO SELECT AMERICAN SUPPLIERS OF GOODS TO BE SHIPPED TO THEM. A CURRENT PROPOSAL BY SENATOR SCHMITT (WHICH I MENTIONED IN LAST NIGHT'S REPORT) WOULD TAKE CARE OF THIS PROBLEM TO SOME DEGREE. SHAPIRO SAID HE HOPED THE ADMINISTRATION, AT A VERY HIGH LEVEL, WOULD GET ACROSS TO THE ADL ITS SUPPORT OF THE SCHMITT AMENDMENT, AND I PROMISED TO TAKE THE MATTER UP WITH CY ON HIS RETURN. THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE ADL WHICH HAS THUS FAR BEEN UNWILLING TO GO ALONG WITH THE SCHMITT AMENDMENT ALTHOUGH IT TELLS US IT IS CONTINUING TO CONSIDER THE MATTER.

3. THE REUSS AMENDMENT. YOU RAISED A QUESTION ABOUT THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE REUSS AMENDMENT TO AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (IFI'S). WE HAVE SUPPORTED THE REUSS APPROACH

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AS PREFERABLE TO THE EXTENSION OF THE MORE RESTRICTIVE HARKIN AMENDMENT ADOPTED IN THE LAST SESSION TO ALL OF THE IFI'S. THE HARKIN AMENDMENT REQUIRES US TO VOTE AGAINST LOANS FROM THE INTER-AMERICAN BANK AND THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND TO COUNTRIES WHICH ARE GROSS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATORS, UNLESS THE LOANS BENEFIT THE NEEDY. THIS APPROACH GREW OUT OF CONGRESSIONAL FRUSTRATION WITH THE LACK OF ACTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION. WE REGARD THE HARKIN AMENDMENT AS A VERY AWKWARD TOOL, WHICH TENDS TO POLITICIZE THE IFI'S AND DIVIDE RECIPIENTS AND DONORS INTO TWO CAMPS.

-- OUR SUPPORT OF THE REUSS AMENDMENT MAY BE PAYENG OFF. IN THE HOUSE, THE BANKING COMMITTEE AGREED TO REPEAL THE HARKIN AMENDMENT IN FAVOR OF THE REUSS APPROACH. IT IS LIKELY THAT THE COMMITTEE WILL BE ABLE TO SUSTAIN ITS ACTION ON THE FLOOR ALTHOUGH THE GOING WILL BE DIFFICULT. SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS IS ALSO IN THE PROCESS OF RE-PLACING HARKIN WITH A HUMPHREY AMENDMENT SIMILAR TO THE

REUSS AMENDMENT.

-- CONGRESS IS ALMOST CERTAIN TO ENACT HUMAN RIGHTS
PROVISIONS IN AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION FOR THE IFIS.
BUT THE CURRENT TREND IN THE CONGRESS IS AWAY FROM THE
RIGID POSITIONS OF THE PAST AND TOWARD GIVING THE
ADMINISTRATION GREATER FLEXIBILITY. WE, IN TURN, MUST
WORK QUIETLY IN THE IFIS TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE MORE
SENSITIVE TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS.

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